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Application No.: 10/577,020)	Examiner: Justin R. FISCHER
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application and, thus, before the mailing date of a first Office Action.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.
Copies of English translations of the listed foreign patent documents are attached.
Copies of the U.S. patents and publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. JP 1-109107 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
2. JP 2000-71716 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
3. JP 2001-088513 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language machine translation, provided herewith.
4. JP 2002-316512 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
5. JP 3-169713 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
6. JP 59008503 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
7. JP 62143705 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract, provided herewith.
8. WO 02/24596 - the relevance of the reference can be determined from the English-language abstract on its face and its English-language equivalent, U.S. Patent No. 7,199,175, provided herewith.

Applicants further bring the Office's attention to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/561,866, which the Office has deemed abandoned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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